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Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, \$500,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. HOPKINS, Esq.

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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

6 months, 4 per cent. " "

12 months, 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Profit, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, March 29, 1876.

Auctions.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Room, Praya Central, on

FRIDAY,

the 27th April, 1877, at Noon,—Oilman's STORES.—Pickles, Salad Oil, Jam, Jellies, Raisins, Cheese, Biscuits, &c.

Cotton Socks, and Stockings, Silk Umbrellas, Electro-plated Tea Sets, Table Cutlery, Paint Boxes, Pencils, &c.

45 pieces Gilt Mouldings.

10 cases Courvoisier's Brandy.

500 Japanese Fan Knives.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.

The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, April 24, 1877. ap27

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (if not previously disposed of by Private Contract), on

TUESDAY,

the 8th day of May, 1877, at Noon, at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND, Situate at Sow-Ket-Wai, and Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 123, and abutting on the North side on a Public Street, measuring thereon 31 feet.

On the South and West side on a Public Street, measuring thereon 125 feet.

On the South and East side on a Public Street, measuring thereon 200 feet.

On the North and West side on a Close (where a Plan for a Public Street is laid out) Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 124, measuring thereon 180 feet.

For further particulars, apply to the Undersigned.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 24, 1877. my2

Auctions.

POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

HANDSOME ENGLISH & VENETIAN-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, OIL PAINTINGS, GLASS-WARE, PLATED-WARE, &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from E. PHIL, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, (previous to his departure for Shanghai), on

MONDAY,

the 30th day of April, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., (instead of on the day previously advertised), at his Residence, No. 1, Praya East,—

The whole of his HANDSOME ENGLISH and VENETIAN-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—

English-made Suite of Furniture, Covered with Green Damask.

Venetian Inlaid Blackwood Table and Chairs, Blackwood Carved Side Tables, Carpet, Hearthrugs, Rep Window Curtains, &c., &c.

Richly Carved Oak Sideboard, Richly Carved Oak-Framed Pier Glass and Flower Stands, Dining Table, Buffet, Whatnots, and Dinner Trays.

Oil Paintings, Oil Cloth, and Clocks.

Dinner and Dessert Sets, Glass-ware, Plated-ware, &c., &c.

Library Oak Book-case and Desks, Inlaid Blackwood Lady's Desk, Tables, Chairs, Easy Chairs, and Chess Table.

Brass Bedsteads, English-made Mahogany Marble-top Dressing Table and Washstand, Wardrobe, with Plate Glass Door, Cheval Glass, &c.

Gasaliers, Gas Brackets, Stair Carpet, with Brass Stair Rods, Marble-top Tables, Bronze Statuettes, &c.

Office Furniture, comprising:—Desks, Chairs, Paper Press, Copying Press, Fire-proof Safe, &c., &c.

One HOUSE BOAT and One SKIFF.

After which, at the Godown,—

30 Tons ARTIFICIAL MANURE.

1 SAW MILL, by FORRESTER & BARR, Engineers, Glasgow.

Also,

1 TURNING LATHE and various MACHINERY.

And,

At the Yard of Messrs Inglis & Co.,—

One 12-H.P. TWIN SCREW ENGINE.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on the day of Sale.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 11, 1877. ap30

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have This Day Opened a Branch of our Firm at SHANGHAI. Mr CARL KRESS has been admitted a Partner from This Date.

MELOHERS & Co.

Hongkong, April 12, 1877. my12

NOTICE.

MR. WILHELM CARL ENGEL-BRECHT von PUSTAU, Junior, and Mr CONRAD MUNROE DONNER, have been admitted Partners in our Firm from the First of January, 1877.

WM. PUSTAU & Co., Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai.

Hongkong, April 16, 1877. j16

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as SHIPPING BROKER at this Port, under my own name.

W. H. SIEGFRIED.

Hongkong, April 20, 1877. my20

NOTICE.

MR. EDWARD BURNIE will Conduct the BUSINESS of my Office, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS, Surveyor to Local Offices, and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, March 17, 1877. m18

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Undersigned.

WM. BRUCE SHANK, Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have This Day Established a Branch of our Firm at SHANGHAI under the Management of Mr ALFRED F. O. KRAUSS, who will sign for us by Pronunciation.

CARLOWITZ & Co. Canton and Hongkong, April 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been appointed AGENT at HONGKONG and its vicinity for "THE BOSTON BOARD OF MARINE UNDERWRITERS," by Power of Attorney, dated Boston, U. S., 1st March, 1877.

T. G. LINSTED.

Hongkong, April 20, 1877.

Entertainment.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB OF HONGKONG.

THE MEMBERS of the above CLUB will give a Performance at the THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, ON

MONDAY,

May 7th, 1877.

When will be presented a Farcical Comedy in Three Acts, by J. H. BYRON, Esq., ENTITLED

"Not such a Fool as he looks."

Tickets may be obtained from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., on and after Monday, April 30th, and at the Doors on the Night of Performance.

Doors Open at 8.30, Performance to Commence at Nine o'clock punctually.

By kind permission of Colonel DICKINS and the Officers of H. M. 28th Regt., their Band will be in attendance.

UBAS. C. COHEN, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, April 25, 1877. my7

Intimations.

W. BALL,

CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG.

Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

TANJONG

PAGAR DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED, SINGAPORE.

THE BUSINESS of this Company was Resumed immediately after the FIRE. Vessels will obtain the usual Despatch and Coal Supplies.

E. M. SMITH, Manager.

April 23, 1877. my23

CUSTOMS' NOTIFICATION.

WENOW.

April 2nd, 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given, that PREMISES situated outside the NORTH GATE of WENOW City, were This Day OPENED for the transaction of Customs' Business.

H. E. HOBSON, Commissioner of Customs.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE.—GEORGE FRANK GRAHAM, at present residing at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, Master Mariner, having been adjudged BANKRUPT under a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy, filed in the Supreme Court of Hongkong in Bankruptcy, on the 18th day of April, A.D. 1877, is hereby required to surrender himself to FREDERICK SOWLEY Esquire, the Acting Registrar of the said Court, at the first Meeting of the Creditors, on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd day of May, A.D. 1877, at Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon of that day precisely, at the said Court.

The said FREDERICK SOWLEY Esquire, Esquire, is the Official Assignee, and the Undersigned are the Solicitors acting in the Bankruptcy.

A Public Sitting will hereafter be appointed by the said Court for the said Bankrupt to pass his final examination, and to make application for his discharge, of which sitting notice will be given in the Hongkong Government Gazette.

At the first Meeting of Creditors the Acting Registrar will receive the proofs of the Debts of Creditors, and the Creditors may choose an Assignee or Assignees of the Bankrupt's Estate and Effects.

Notice is also hereby given to all Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, not to deliver the same, but to the Official Assignee.

Dated This 21st day of April, 1877.

SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON, Solicitors for the Bankrupt, Supreme Court House.

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Intimations.

THE MEDICAL HALL.

37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

ESTABLISHED 1863.

THE KOFFER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, April 26, 1876. ap28

HONGKONG.

Chs. J. GAUPP & Co.,

WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,

38, Queen's Road,

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,

CHRONOMETERS,

&c., &c., &c.

Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876. t.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. STOUT intends visiting JAPAN shortly, and would be glad if those who wish to Consult him professionally would make an appointment for an Early Day.

HOURS FOR CONSULTATION: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

No. 1, Alexandra Terrace.

Hongkong, April 4, 1877.

CONSULAT DE FRANCE A HONGKONG.

MONSIEUR A. SIENKIEWICZ,

Consul de France à Hongkong, a l'honneur d'annoncer aujourd'hui à Monsieur G. BOULOUZE, Chancelier, le Service du Consulat de France à Hongkong et Macao.

Le 16 Avril, 1877. my5

For Sale.

FOR SALE,

THE IRON SUBW STEAMER

"ALBA."

THE above Steamer was Built in Glasgow in 1872 by Messrs DOBIE & Co., under special survey of LLOYD'S, and Her MACHINERY and BOILER were made by Messrs JAMES HOWDEN & Co., under special inspection. She was constructed to carry a large Cargo on a light draft of water and is well adapted for the Philippine, China, or Japan trade. She underwent general Repairs in 1876, when New SAILS, RIGGING, and a complete outfit were supplied by the HONGKONG and WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, and in March of the present year her Engines and Boiler were thoroughly overhauled.

DIMENSIONS.—Length between Perpendiculars, 170 feet. Beam, 26 feet 3 inches. Depth of Hold from Ceiling to Main Deck, 9 feet 6 inches. Height from Main Deck to under side of Awning Deck, 7 feet 4 1/2 inches.

GROSS TONNAGE.—550 Tons.

CLASS.—Built to Class 100 A at Lloyd's.

RIG.—Brig Rigged.

CARGO CAPACITY.—About 9,000 piculs, or 625 tons Measurement (40 feet).

DRAFT.—Light 9 feet; Loaded 12 1/2 feet.

SPEED.—Eight knots on consumption of 8 1/2 to 9 tons of coals per 24 hours.

BUNKER CAPACITY.—75 tons coals.

CABIN.—Under Awning Deck aft; saloon, pantry and five state rooms, with accommodation for 12 first-class passengers.

MACHINERY.

ENGINE.—A pair of Howden's patent High and Low pressure Engines of 80 Horse Power nominal; High Pressure Cylinder 35 inches, and Low Pressure Cylinder 48 inches in diameter; Stroke 30 inches.

PROPELLER.—Bassemmer Set of 4 Blades, with One Spare Set of Blades.

WIND.—One Steam Winch with Donkey Boiler on Deck.

BOILER.—One Horizontal Tubular Boiler 11 feet diameter, with 3 Furnaces, tested for a working pressure of 80 pounds.

MORRIS & RAY.

Hongkong, March 23, 1877.

FOR SALE.

A MARINE ENGINE of 20 Horse Power nominal, High and Low Pressure, with Extra Surface Condenser and Tubular Boiler. Consumption, 2 Tons per 24 Hours.

The Engine is quite new; was manufactured by Messrs Matthew Pail & Co., Dumbarton, and is now deposited in the Godown of the late firm of Russell & Sturgis, Manila.

Particulars may be obtained on application to

MORRIS & RAY.

Hongkong, March 23, 1877.

FOR SALE, AT EAST POINT.

FRESH CALIFORNIA HAY AND OATS.

Just Received, ex "Mary Whiteledge."

Apply to

L. L. BUSH.

Hongkong, April 18, 1877.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s

Celebrated

Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

FOR SALE.

AERATED WATERS.

THE Undersigned begs to inform the Public that he is again prepared to supply AERATED WATERS of every description; the Manufacture is under the direct management of an experienced European. Trial orders are solicited. Advantageous Terms made with wholesale customers for export or local use.

W. BALL, China Dispensary.

Hongkong, April 25, 1877. my2

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I, A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tübingen.

Price Two Dollars and a Half.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)

The Spanish Steamer

"PANAY."

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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P. & O. S. N. Co. S. S. ZAMBESI.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel, from Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the *INDUS* and *SIAM* from London, and *POONAH* from Calcutta, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 26th Instant will be subject to rent.

ADAM LIND,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 22, 1877. ap27

GERMAN STEAMER *FERONIA*,
H. SCHULTZ, Master, FROM HAMBURG
via SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned, from whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to take delivery of their Goods from the Boats alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 27th Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary is given until Noon To-day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

Wm. PUSTAU & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, April 20, 1877. ap27

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Glencoe*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned into their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be sent on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary is given before 10 a.m. To-morrow, the 21st Instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 27th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, April 20, 1877. ap27

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. SINDH.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Indus*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godown, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless Intimation is received from the Consignees, before 11 o'clock To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after THURSDAY, the 26th Inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUY,

Agent.

Hongkong, April 19, 1877.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.

HENRIOT & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Carte Blanche "Dry."

TH. ROEDERER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Carte Blanche.

JOHN DUNAND & Co.'s CLARETS and WHITE WINES.

STARTUP & KENTON'S PORTS and SHERRIES.

MOULLEND & Co.'s COGNACS, 1, 2, 3 Stars.

BLANCHY FRERES & Co.'s COGNACS.

JUSTUS LEMBEKE & Co.

Hongkong, April 9, 1877. jy9

HONG LISTS.

Circular, large sheet.

THE AMENDED HONG LIST in English and Chinese, containing the Names of all the most important Companies, Institutions and Mercantile Houses in the Colony.

Price, 25 cents each; or \$2.50 per dozen.

At the "China Mail" Office.

FOR SALE.

BY TENDER, the whole Stock-in-Trade of the TAKU TUG and LIGHTER COMPANY, consisting of the following Steamers:—

Steam Tug and Lighter *Algerine*, 1,800 tons.

Steam Tug *Orion*, 1,800 tons.

Steam Tug *Ulysses*, 1,800 tons.

Tenders will receive immediate attention.

Apply to

TAKU TUG & LIGHTER CO.,

Taku.

Taku, March 12, 1877. ap30

NOW READY.

THE HISTORY OF THE RUDIMENTS OF NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr. E. J. RITCHIE. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.00.

BUDHISM, its HISTORY, THEORY AND PRACTICE. In three Lectures. By Dr. E. J. RITCHIE. Second Edition. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

Orders will be received by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.,

Hongkong, July 21, 1873.

Intimations.

AH YON, SHIP'S COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE.

No. 57, Praya West.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES.

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

MYSTIC BELLE, American ship, Captain David Plummer.—Siemssen & Co.

ROSINA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

ROSETTA, McNEIL, American barque, Captain Brown.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

ARGONAUT, British ship, Captain John Anderson.—Meyer & Co.

NYASSA, British ship, Captain W. S. Garriock. Douglas Lapraik & Co.

CORINNE, British Barque, Captain Wm. Robertson.—Wieler & Co.

TULLOCHGORM, British 3-m. schooner, Captain Mason.—Wieler & Co.

TO-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW AND SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "OLYMPIA."

NAGEL, Master, will be despatched for the above Ports

TO-MORROW, the 27th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, April 25, 1877. ap27

FOR NINGPO & SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "AMOI."

G. H. DREWES, Master, will be despatched for the above Ports

TO-MORROW, the 27th Instant, at 8 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Agents.

Hongkong, April 25, 1877. ap27

FOR SWATOW, AMOI & FOCHOOW.

The Steamship "NAMO."

Capt. Westoby, will be despatched for the above Ports

ON SUNDAY, the 29th Instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Agents.

Hongkong, April 25, 1877. ap29

FOR NEW YORK.

The 41 American Ship "THOMAS LORD."

HALL, Master, will load here

and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Agents.

Hongkong, April 25, 1877.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs MELCHERS & Co. to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 19th of May next, at Noon, on the Premises, under a power contained in a Bill of Sale dated the 18th day of December, 1874, given by THOMAS THORNTON ANTHONY, and CARL HEINRICH ELMERT REIMUND, lately carrying on Business in this Colony, as Shiphandlers and Storekeepers, under the Style or Firm of BROADBEAR, ANTHONY & Co.,—

All the STOCK-IN-TRADE, FURNITURE, and EFFECTS being in and upon the Premises No. 62, Praya Central, lately occupied by the said Firm of BROADBEAR, ANTHONY & Co.

Also,

THE GOODWILL of the said Business.

TERMS.—Cash on delivery.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, April 25, 1877. my19

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 25, *Peiho*, German barque, 251, C. Christiansen, Bangkok March 14, Rico.

—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

April 26, *Amoy*, British steamer, from Canton.

April 26, *Jan Peter*, German barque, 286, Ewert, Bangkok March 24, Rico.—SIEMSEN & Co.

April 26, *Deception*, British steamer, 1630, R. J. Brown, Liverpool March 11, via ports of call, Penang April 16, and Singapore 20, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

April 26, *Gunga*, French steamer, 797, Garceau, Bangkok April 19, Rico.—ORR & Co.

April 26, *Ching po*, Chinese gunboat, from Canton.

April 26, *Zamboanga*, Spanish steamer, 691, Valenciano, Bangkok April 19, Rico.—AH YON & Co.

April 26, *Chinkiang*, British steamer, 739, Orr, Shanghai April 21, and Swatow 29, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

April 26, *Carl*, German brig, from Whampoa.

DEPARTURES.

Apr. 25, *Dunblair*, for Bangkok.

20, *Carmen*, for Manila.

26, *Dolgiat*, for Coast Ports.

CLEARED.

Blath of *Louisiana*, for Amoy.

Kronprinzessin, for Tientsin.

Myotis of *Alyll*, for Bangkok.

Amoy, for Shanghai.

Peichow (brig), for Bangkok.

Uziah, for Nicolojefsk.

Mytic Belle, for New York.

Bua Pan, for Bangkok.

PASSENGERS.

Per *Deception*, from Liverpool, Dr. Ferguson, and 280 Chinese from Straits.

Per *Gunga*, from Bangkok, 4 Chinese.

Per *Zamboanga*, from Bangkok, 20 Chinese.

Per *Carl*, from Whampoa.

Per *Chinkiang*, from Swatow, 20 Chinese.

Per *Amoy*, from Amoy, 20 Chinese.

Per *Uziah*, for Nicolojefsk, 3 Europeans.

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previous occasions, without, I think, a single exception, we have seen most of these things. In the case of Mr. Cairns especially, as he was seen being drawn slowly through the blacking at the dog-days, fanning himself violently, I never saw a man look so thoroughly unhappy; and he is reported to have afterwards said of his reception that on no previous occasion of his life had he ever endured so much misery in so short a time. It is clear that the quarantine regulations, which upset all the above arrangements and caused such general disappointment both to the governing and the governed, will soon be placed on a different and more satisfactory basis.

Slowly but surely are the inestimable blessings of Western civilisation overspreading this benighted country. Some weeks ago, as a party of foreign gentlemen were departing themselves among the purlieus of Ichang, they fell in with a Chinese, who appeared to have just come from participating in some interesting or important celebration. A few remarks elicited the intelligence that the gay Chinaman had been paying his devotion in a temple of some fame in the neighbourhood, and his civil offer to show the strangers the way to it, as one of the lions of the place, was naturally accepted. The party soon arrived, and found themselves in a handsome building of the ordinary joss-house type; but what was their bewilderment at discovering, in the place of honour among the temple ornaments, two most impressive and suggestive pictures from a certain barbarian publication, the "Day's Doing," elaborately framed in beautifully carved wood. We are not aware whether the divinities therein portrayed were objects of worship among the frequenters of the temple, being of a particularly human type, and presenting a marked contrast in attitude and expression, to the decorous and rapt demeanour of the native deities. Penetrating further into the recesses of the sacred edifice, however, another and still more precious specimen of foreign art was brought to light; nothing less, indeed, than a photograph of an esteemed public functionary, not entirely uncoincided with the Consular service of one of England's best allies,—sharing the devotion of an aged bonze with such venerable relics as the golden-finger, wisdom-tomb and alms-bowl of Buddha, or whatever may have been the special treasures of that particular establishment. The foreigners looked, and marvelled, and passed on.—*Shanghai Courier.*

Police Intelligence.

(Before James Russell, Esq.)
April 26, 1877.

IN WANT OF FUEL.

Chu Atai, a boatman, was charged with having gone into a house in Sai Wo Lane, Saiyungpoon, and stolen therefrom two bundles of firewood. A woman in the house, called out, and the defendant ran away. A Chinese Lokung stopped him and had a tussle with him. He threw the Lokung down on the ground, but the latter blew his whistle, and the defendant was arrested by a Water Policeman. The defendant, who simply denied the charge, was sent to one month's hard labour.

DRUNK.

David Giles, a seaman on board the *Glengairn*, was charged with being drunk in a Chinaman's shop. When Constable Gunda Singh went to turn him out, he became violent, so that it took four Constables to fetch him to the Station. Fined 50 cents.

LARCENY OF OPIUM.

Ching Tan Hoi, a fisherman, and his wife were again brought up to answer the charge of stealing a quantity of opium from a salt junkman who came here to sell salt, and received in payment a quantity of opium. The opium was afterwards found in the defendant's boat, and the 2nd defendant said at the last hearing that the opium was brought on board by one Low Apo, a man who had come to him in the junk with the complaint. He was now arrested and placed at the bar to-day. He gave another name, but it was proved that he was the same man. The Magistrate sent the 1st defendant to two months' hard labour for receiving, and the 2nd to six months' hard labour, for stealing. The 2nd defendant, the wife of the 1st, was discharged.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.
(Before His Lordship Chief Justice Sir JOHN SHALE.)
April 26, 1877.

ROBBERY AND WOUNDING.

Regina v. Im Man.

The prisoner was indicted on three counts for robbing a piece of wood from Captain Sande's ship, and wounding one Sheikh Abdool, a watchman on the said premises, at about 12.30 a.m. on the 6th March last. The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs W. R. Loxley, J. Lemble, A. M. de Souza Pereira, A. F. de Remedios, S. Hancock, E. A. Raven, and J. G. Liddell. The facts were simply these. On the night of the 6th March, the watchman was on duty, at 12.30 a.m. or thereabouts, at the ship, when he saw a man coming from the bottom of the dock with a piece of timber. He called him, but suddenly five men ran down from the hill and rescued the man. The watchman at once felt that he was out. There were some dogs on the premises and they ran after the men and bit some of them. The wounds on the watchman were of a serious nature, one penetrating the left lung and barely escaping the heart. When an alarm was raised, the people on the premises were roused, and a rifle was fired off from the ship, but the men made their escape, leaving, however, a track of blood behind them. The watchman was removed to the Hospital, where he remained for 19 days, during the first few days of which period he was in imminent danger of his life, but he ultimately recovered. The prisoner was subsequently found in Chinese territory, or very close to it. He was identified by the watchman as being the man whom he called and threw, in the ship, on the night of the 6th. He was able to identify him because he turned his bull's-eye light on him. The prisoner had also some wounds on his legs which

appeared to have been marks of bites from a dog, and these Dr. Ayres, the Colonial Surgeon, stated must have been recently inflicted, and with the exception of one could not have been caused by the scraping of a sharp stone. The prisoner, moreover, was picked out from among a line of men arranged in the Gaol. Evidence was then called to support these facts, and the prisoner was found guilty of robbery and wounding. He was sentenced to three years' penal servitude, and to three whippings of 25 strokes each time.

ROBBERY FROM A GRAVE.

Regina v. Chun Angoo and another.

The prisoners were indicted for robbing a quantity of jewellery from the corpse of a woman, who had been recently buried. It appears that the 2nd prisoner had made a statement to a Chinese Constable regarding the 1st prisoner having robbed a grave on the 1st March last. The enquiry was followed up by the Police and resulted in the discovery that a grave on Mount Davis had been desecrated, and the coffin out on the top of the lid, an aperture quite large enough to admit a hand to remove the ornaments from the head of the corpse having been found. The husband of the deceased woman was communicated with, and he identified some of the ornaments which had been recovered from a pawnshop. In the house of the 1st prisoner there were found several iron instruments, such as a case that would have produced the aperture in the lid of the coffin. But it was possible that they might have been put there by some one else.

After evidence was taken, His Lordship remarked to the Attorney General that the case against the 1st prisoner was weak. The Attorney General concurred in this opinion, and the 1st prisoner was not called upon to make his defence. The 2nd prisoner then made his statement, which was the same as that he had made before the Magistrate. The 2nd prisoner was originally produced by the Police as the approver against the 1st, but as the evidence turned against him stronger than against the 1st, he was therefor also charged and committed for trial.

The Jury returned a verdict of acquittal against the 1st, and of guilty against the 2nd prisoner. The latter was sent to three years' penal servitude. The 1st prisoner was ordered to be retained in custody till Saturday.

The Sessions were then adjourned till Saturday next at 10 a.m.

China.

Foochow.

(Herald, April 10th.)

The Viceroy's family are expected to arrive from Canton daily—one of the Mamoi Arsenal gunboats having been despatched for the purpose of conveying them to this port.

An occasional contributor to our columns has drawn attention to the exorbitant prices charged for provisions by houseboys and other native servants. It is very difficult, in the absence of any regular scale of bazaar prices, to say how the evil complained of is to be remedied.

We hear that the Chinese consignees of Rice are keeping back large quantities of grain, doubtless with a view to "rigging" the market. Some of the importers seem very reluctant to bring forward their supplies, and it is said that the crooks between the City and Pagoda are full of grain-laden craft. This would appear to auger an imminent decline in the excessive rates alluded to in our last issue.

We are given to understand that the efforts of the Committee of the Foochow Rifle Club to recover the target that was stolen from their range at the beginning of last month have thus far been unsuccessful. They have also, we regret to learn, been unable to arrive at any satisfactory agreement with the owners of the land on which the target formerly stood. The Committee is not, however, without hope of ultimately obtaining suitable ground for a range.

The following subscriptions to the Shanghai Relief Fund have been received by the Agent of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank:—

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| Amount acknowledged last week | \$272 |
| Received since 12th inst. | |
| Dr. Beaumont, Esq. | 50 |
| Ed. Sheppard, Esq. | 50 |
| Imperial Arsenal, Pagoda | 50 |
| L. D. de Segonzac, Esq. | 40 |
| E. B. Drew, Esq. | 50 |
| W. K. Nicholson, Esq. | 80 |
| Thos. Fairhurst, Esq. | 25 |

Total received up to date ... \$567

During one of the recent fires in the southern suburb a man was apprehended on the charge of stealing a female child, and being convicted of the crime was, in accordance with Chinese law, sentenced to death. Strange as the authorities were unusually considerate in the matter, and gave their prisoner the option of death either by decapitation or starvation. The condemned chose the latter mode of exit, and the cheerful spectacle of a human being enduring the slow torture of death by hunger was presented for the edification of the native populace throughout the greater part of last week. The condemned was conveyed in a large wooden cage, carefully guarded by his jailers, and exposed to public view near the Tea Houses on the main road to the City.

The exactions of Lekin officials are proverbial; but a story we heard some time ago about the capture by a band of these worthless of a foreigner's baggage, in the southern suburb of the city, in sheer rascality—all our previous experience of what these men are capable of doing. The baggage in question was being conveyed through the Chinese streets when it was pounced upon by some Lekin soldiers, taken to one of the district offices and there retained despite the warm protestations of the foreigner's servants. Of course the matter was referred to the aggrieved person's Consul, and of course the Consul failed to get any redress. It was accordingly informed that foreigner is minus his property to this day. Let it be borne in mind that this was a theft of an ordinary character—it was simply an "official squeeze!"

WANCHOW.

April 1st, 1877.

I have only been here a few days, therefore it would be presumption on my part to attempt to give a description of the place. So far its impressions are favourable. The scenery is remarkably fine, and the mountains remind one of Foochow; only they are not cultivated to such an extent. There are no less than five pagodas within a short

distance of the city, which are much higher, and in a better state of preservation than the one at Loong-hwa.

I am afraid that business will be dull for some time, as the natives do not show much inclination to trade; though of course it is hard for me to judge at present what the country produces, and what it consumes. From the few junks that are now lying here, I should say that the carrying trade did not amount to much, and as the port opens too late for this season's tea, the best part of the present year will be spent in holiday-making by the settlers. At present we have only had one visitor, a merchant from Ningpo, who has come down to select a piece of land; but as there are not any Consuls here yet, it is impossible to effect a transfer. The community at present consists of five Customs officials, a Doctor, a merchant and two missionaries and their wives; the latter are very kind indeed, and as they have been here some time, their advice is very acceptable. The only accommodation which is to be had is in the temples, and there does not seem much prospect of anything better offering for some time. The natives are remarkably well behaved and seem to be pleased at the advent of foreigners; indeed, they had associated with them all their lives. They are not the slightest bit inquisitive, and pass you by in the street without apparently taking any notice of you; and, strange to say, the dogs take even less notice of you.

Provisions are very scarce. Fish and goats' flesh are all that can be had; and beef and mutton are not to be obtained at any price. The port is to be formally opened to-morrow at ten o'clock, but not in the presence of the Consuls unless they arrive before that time. —*Shanghai Courier.*

HANKOW.

A Hankow correspondent favours us with a list of the junks engaged in the various Tea Districts, which is as reliable as it is possible to get at the present date. Doubtless a few additions will have to be made during next week.

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| 1877x78 1876x77 1875x76 | | | |
| Oanhao | 75* | 40 | 50 |
| Ohong Sow Kai | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| Sun Yang | 14 | 20 | 18 |
| Yung Low Toong | 23 | 33 | 12 |
| Yung Low See | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| Nip Ka See | 8 | 1 | 6 |
| Ping Kong | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Ying Ling | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Chun Yang | 4 | 8 | 4 |
| Wun Kai | 12 | 11 | 7 |
| Ma Kew | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Moong Kong | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Tai Sa Ping | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Toong San | 12 | 26 | 17 |
| En How | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Pak La Kew | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Kokow | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Seangtan | 10 | 20 | 20 |
| | 221 | 334 | 196 |

* Including 23 Shanai Hong.

—*N. C. D. News.*

PEKING.

April 9th.

The excitement with reference to the tail-cutting has nearly subsided, the firing of multitudes of crackers having provided efficacious as usual in driving away both sleep and public alarm. It is reported that the Empress Dowager expressly gave orders to relax the prohibition against the firing of crackers and petards, which has been in force for the last two years as part of the "national mourning." H. M. observing that the prevalence of evil influences might be attributed to the long-continued abstinence from this practice; and H.M.'s wisdom has been amply justified by the result. —*N. C. D. News.*

TIENTSIN.

April 14th.

Our correspondent says there have been one or two hot days experienced of late, with changeable weather. On the 14th instant, the sun was very hot. A good deal of typhus and throat complaints prevail amongst the Chinese. The Hoppo of Canton and suite were to leave in the *Panhai* on the 15th. The Hoppo chartered her for \$6,000. He sent word to Captain Patterson, that he had heard six p.m. was a favourable time to start, and asked him to move the vessel a short distance on the way. To oblige him, she was dropped down about her own length. —*N. C. D. News.*

ESTABLISHMENT OF U. S. CONSULATE AT ICHANG.

On Thursday, the 16th March, 1877, the U.S. *Monoway*, Commander Fyfe, left Hankow, having on board General Shepard, U.S. Consul for Hankow, Kinkiang, and Ichang, accompanied by Nelson E. Bryant, and F. H. B. Jenkins, acting as Interpreter, for the purpose of opening the port.

Nothing of importance occurred until the morning of Sunday Island was reached, where only eight feet of water could be found; anchored and communicated with H.B.M. gunboat *Acetel*, which was on shore about two miles further up the river. They advised a trial of the channel on the other side of the Island, which was done, but without finding sufficient water to cross. After waiting eight days, the *Monoway* returned to the old channel and got over on the 26th ultimo, and arrived at Shau-ke on the next day, and proceeded to Ichang, arriving on Sunday, the 1st April, just in time to see the Custom House opened, which took place at 11.30 that day.

Monday 2nd.—The General paid an official visit to the Taotai, inside the city. On the following day, the Taotai, Prefect, and Heien returned the visit on board the *Monoway*. On the 8th, General Shepard, accompanied by Messrs. Bryant, Jenkins, Commander Fyfe, and nine officers of the *Monoway*, landed and proceeded to the house prepared by the Taotai for their visit, in front of which a flag-staff had been erected. After relating the congratulations of the Taotai and local officials, General Shepard presented Nelson E. Bryant to them, as acting U.S. Consul Agent for that port; all then proceeded to the flag-staff and the flag was hoisted, the amateur band of the *Monoway* playing the "Star Spangled Banner," and a salute was fired from the steamer. The officials then went on board and partook of refreshments. Everything went off quietly.

General Shepard, accompanied by Mr. Jenkins, left Ichang on the 8th, in a native boat, escorted by a Chinese gunboat, arriving in Hankow on the 14th. —*N. C. D. News.*

PROSPECTUS OF THE CHINA MERCHANTS' STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(Translation.)

In all enterprises in this world, their promoters who wish them to be lasting, think not of profits. Success at the outset is hard to be obtained, but by thorough rules and arrangements for all possible contingencies, it is plain that, though profits may be a matter of time, good work may be done even at the commencement of an undertaking. By providing against mischance and disaster, it will certainly succeed, and its promoters cannot then be accused of recklessness or ignorance.

In the thousand years of the past no Company for carrying on Steam Navigation was established in China, and had we (the Directors of the C. M. S.) not studied the change of the times, and made ourselves acquainted with the circumstances of our country, we should have undoubtedly seen reason to doubt the success and fear the result of such a Company. When [under the Treaty of Nanking] five ports were opened to foreign trade, sailing ships began to be plentiful, and the carrying trade in Chinese junks day by day decreased. These were everywhere followed by steamers, and freights became cheaper. As their hulls were stronger than those of sailing ships, whilst they were much handier, and went ten times as fast, merchants found that their goods did not suffer from damp, and that they got a quick return on their capital. Thereupon a violent competition set in between the carrying trade from sailing vessels. This was the result of the advance of the times, and was not an abandonment of our people's junks, and substituting for them foreign vessels. The carrying trade could not now be turned back into its old channels, and it was imperatively necessary for us to buy steamers in order to keep in Chinese hands the profits arising from the conveyance of merchandise, for thus our country may be enriched and facilities given to our merchants.

I, Tong King-sing, and your other directors have transacted foreign business for nearly twenty years, more than ten of which have been devoted exclusively to steamship traffic, so we have had a certain amount of experience of it. When we had the honour to be appointed by Earl Li, Directors of the China Merchants' Company, after extensive investigations and enquiries as to the best means of benefiting the mercantile community, we submitted with deference our plans for establishing a Steam Navigation Company to men of the highest intelligence, some of whom expressed fears that this would damage the carrying trade of the Shanghai junks. With reference to this we would observe that in the time of Taou-kuang, there were three thousand Ningpo and Shanghai junks; at the present time there remain only four hundred. The P. Steamship Companies were started, the P. and O., the only ones, had but a single steamer; today there are nearly one hundred. Our Shanghai junks having diminished, we must adopt some plan to replace them; steamships having increased, we must get steamships too, and our best plan will be to give up our junks and take to steamships. The trade of our junks having been taken away by steamers, every time a junk is injured or worn out, it means there is one junk less (i.e., they are not now replaced). Our junkmen have lost their livelihood on account of foreign steamers; when there is one junk less, forty or fifty men, seamen, get out of employment. It has come to this now—a days that it is better for the community to subscribe their capital for the purchase of steamships, than to expend their money in replacing Shanghai junks; better to employ and teach our junkmen navigation on board steamers, than to turn them adrift as vagabonds. We advocate a radical change.

The amount of Government grain from each province is again approaching the statutory amount, and Ningpo and Shanghai junks are already insufficient for its transportation. It is certain to increase in amount in future, while the number of junks diminishes; and things are coming to a pretty pass. If grain has to be transported to Peking from Kiang-su, An-hui, Hunan, and Hephah, it should be done successfully, and how can that be accomplished if the quick and handy steamer is rejected, and we build, buy, and hire Shanghai and Ningpo junks? The High Authorities of these provinces have memorialised the Throne for the establishment of a Steam Navigation Company, which should have for its primary object the transport of Government grain from Chekiang and Kiangsu, and starting from that basis extend its views to higher aims so as to prevent the outside foreign merchant taking away our trade, and supply the deficiencies of our Shanghai junks. The plan was a truly comprehensive one, providing for every possible contingency.

Our experience in business shows us that we can fight foreign merchants successfully in three ways:—
1st.—Our steamers have the rice-transport of goods.
2nd.—The expenses of our offices, our godowns, of our steamers, of our lighterage, and of our coal-bills will all be less than those incurred by foreigners.
3rd.—Our own people, in shipping our country's produce, will have more confidence and find much more profit and convenience in us than in foreign Steamship Companies. With these advantages we shall be able to fight foreign merchants. What have we to be afraid of?

We have heard fears that foreign merchants' capital being exceedingly great, they will probably lower freights in order to harass us. Your Directors, Mr. Tong King-sing, and the others have also directed their attention to this, and the following is their opinion. If foreigners, who come thousands of miles in search of profit, are content in their competition with us to throw away the profits they make without fear of the consequences, this will be an advantage to our merchants. Why should we hinder them? We have but few steamers, our opponents many; our cargoes are large, theirs are small; from our Government rice-transport alone we make as much in three months as suffices for the expenses of the rest of the year, and even supplying foreign merchants to monopolise the whole of the general carrying trade, and receive the whole of the freights thereon, let us fight it out. We must have more money to buy more steamers; we must extend their voyages to all the ports and add to them, with yearly increasing rice-transport and a more flourishing general carrying business, we hope to extend our operations as to direct trade into Chinese hands.

the whole of the profits earned in the carriage of Chinese goods.

(Here follows an elaborate estimate of the Company's profits during the past year, by which it is proved that 20 per cent. must be gained.) Although we have made arrangements which shows that we shall earn splendid profits, we do not presume to say that there can be no error in our calculations; there is certainly no source of profit that we have not taken into account. In future, when we extend our operations, we must have the support and assistance of the public; with that, this, the first Navigation Company in China, will be firmly established, will last to be a benefit for ten thousand ages. This was the leading idea of the High Authorities who promoted the Company and it is now the dearest hope of the Directors.

We now print and publish the General Regulations and By-laws under which the Company is to be worked for general information—and we direct attention to this detailed account we have given of our past experience and present policy. Parties wishing to obtain shares must apply during the moon, giving their name and address, and the number of shares they wish allotted to them. The money due on each share must be paid to the Shanghai General Office, when scrip certificates, bearing interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum, will be issued from the date of payment. When the full amount of shares has been allotted, further applications will not be registered.

A respectful report from
TONG KING-SING,
Hsu, JUN.

Japan.

YOKOHAMA.

(Gazette.)

This afternoon (April 14th) Mr. G. L. Castle, master of the British S.S. *Viking*, was sued in H. B. M.'s Court by Messrs Carl Rohde & Co. for \$70, for damage done to goods on conveyance from London to Yokohama. We hear that this is a test case; several others awaiting the decision of the Court.

The report that a portion of the Kumamoto garrison had out their way through the besiegers' ranks and arrived at the Imperial head quarters, is confirmed by the native papers, and details are given for which we have no space to-day.

Paymaster Charles F. Thompson, U.S.N., who only arrived from San Francisco by the *City of Tokio* on the 31st ultimo, and had just assumed charge of the U. S. Naval Stores at Nagasaki, the other day tried to commit suicide by cutting his throat. The attempt was fortunately frustrated, and the wound inflicted on himself by the officer was slight, and is now in course of being healed. No reason is assigned for the act.

The Straits.

(Singapore Daily Times.)

We regret to announce that owing to the unprecedented scarcity of water in the town, due to the continuance of the hot and dry weather, about twenty deaths among the natives from cholera are reported daily. Some of these are most sudden, and, though precautions are being exercised by the authorities, there seems to be little hope of grappling with the epidemic, until we shall have had the much-longed-for rain.

It is rumoured that the P. and O. Co.'s proposed popular representative here, Captain Kellock, has been appointed successor to the late Captain Henry F. Bombay, as Superintendent of the Company's extensive and important establishment in that port, and that probably Mr. H. W. Gieger will return again from Aden to Singapore to take Captain Kellock's place.

There is nothing further of particular interest to narrate regarding the fire at Tanjong Pagar. Progress continues to be made for its total extinguishment, and this is materially helped by the decreased quantity of coal there is now to consume. All danger to the Godown and wharf may now be said to be over. I understand that a meeting of Insurance Agents and the coal-owners was held in the Tanjong Pagar Company's Office the other afternoon for the purpose, among others, of considering what should be done with the coal saved or which may be saved, as it may be a difficult point to solve to whom it should properly belong. What took place I am unable to say, but I have heard that the total quantity of coal stored at Tanjong Pagar was larger than has been estimated; that it amounted to over 48,000 tons; that of this 43,000 to 45,000 tons have been on fire; that the quantity untouched amounts only to 3,000 to 4,000 tons, and that only one-half of the coal on fire was covered with insurance.

By last acc. small pox was prevalent both at Samarang and Batavia. At the latter place, in one street alone, 12 patients died out of 47 attacked by it. The natives there could not be prevailed upon to destroy the clothing last worn by a all patients, or to take the necessary disinfecting measures. Although the disease was then epidemic at Batavia a number of persons attacked was not greatly on the increase.

From Java papers to the 7th April, the following intelligence is translated:—
"The Swedish ship *Kro prins Gustaf*, which had stranded on Karang Hadjie in Banks Straits, was sold by auction at Mun-cho on the 21st instant. M. Sars Suermondt & Co. were the buyers for 7,000 guilders. —*Batavia Dauidshad* 30th March.

Yesterday there took place before the Second Chamber of the Court of Justice, the trial of Henry William Harrison Reynolds, lately captain and owner of the American schooner *Luty*, and now under detention in the State Prison at Weltevreden, charged with having, a couple of months ago, in front of the shore of the firm of Janssens & Co. (Batavia), wilfully and deceptively so struck a native car driver, named "Alidin," on the head with an iron pin, that therefrom there arose illness or inability for personal labour for more than twenty days. After the witnesses had been heard, the Officer of Justice demanded that the accused should be found guilty of the crime laid to his charge in the indictment, and be condemned consequently to imprisonment for eight years. Mr. F. H. Gerziten, the counsel selected by the accused, combated at large the conclusions come to by the Public Prosecutor, and argued first in favour of acquittal on the ground that the evidence for the prosecution did not seem to him to be wholly trustworthy; and secondly, in favour of extenuating circumstances being taken into account. Judgment in this case was deferred for eight days. —*Thijl*, 4th April.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, April 26, 1877.

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| OPPIUM, New Patna, cash | \$577 1/2 a 560 |
| " New Benares, cash | 560 |
| " New Malwa, cash | 565 |
| " credit | 570 |
| " Allowance Taela, 12 a 24 | |
| " Old Malwa, cash | 565 |
| " credit | 600 |
| " Allowance Taela | 48 a 60 |
| CAMPOR, ... | 18 1/2 a 18 1/2 |
| QUICKSILVER, ... | 61.20 a 61.75 |
| SALTPEPER, ... | 5.75 a 6.40 |

Exchange.

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| Bank, on demand, ... | 3/11 |
| " 30 days' sight, ... | 3/11 1/2 |
| " 6 months' sight, ... | 4/0 |
| Credits, ... | 4/0 1/2 |
| Documentary, 6 months' sight, ... | 4/0 1/2 |
| Bombay, ... | 226 |
| Calcutta, ... | 226 |
| Shanghai, demand, ... | 78 |
| " 30 days' sight, ... | 74 |
| Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B., ... | 9 1/2 prom. |
| Mexicans, ... | 22 1/2 nom. |
| Gold Leaf, ... | 25.80 |
| English Sovereigns, ... | 5.04 |
| Australian Sovereigns, ... | 5.04 |
| Discount, ... | 7 a 9 |

Shares.

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| Hongkong Bank 2 1/2 prem. | |
| Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$700 | |
| China Traders' Ins. Co., \$2450 | |
| Chinese Insurance Co., \$212 | |
| Yankee Ins. Association, Tls. 700 | |
| H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$57 1/2 | |
| China Fire Ins. Co., \$147 | |
| H.K. & W. Dock Co., 35 % dis. | |
| H.K. O. & M. S. boat Co., 12 1/2 % dis. | |
| Shanghai Steam Navigation, 30 | |
| Hongkong Gas Co., 87 1/2 nom. | |
| Hongkong Hotel Co., 65 1/2 per share | |
| Chinese Imperial Loan, \$103 | |

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falcoun & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

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| HONGKONG, April 26, 1877. | | |
| BAROMETER— | 9 A.M. ... | 29.974 |
| Do. | 1 P.M. ... | 29.964 |
| Do. | 4 P.M. ... | 29.980 |
| THERMOMETER— | 9 A.M. ... | 72½ |
| Do. | 1 P.M. ... | 73½ |
| Do. | 4 P.M. ... | 73 |
| Do. (Wet bulb) | 9 A.M. ... | 73 |
| Do. | Do. 1 P.M. ... | 73 |
| Do. | Do. 4 P.M. ... | 72½ |
| Do. | Maximum, ... | 74½ |
| Do. | Minimum over night | 72 |

Mails.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ,
ISMAILA, PORT SAID, NAPLES,
AND MARSEILLES;
Also,
PONDICHERY, MADRAS AND
CALCUTTA.

ON SATURDAY, the 28th April, 1877, at Noon, the Company's S. S. **IRAOUADY**, Commandant **G. WALSH**, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPELLE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above place.

Cargo and Spele will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping orders will be granted till noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Spele and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 27th April, 1877. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUY,
Agent.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL AND UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "GAELIC" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 1st May, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 30th Inst. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.



STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediter-
ranean Ports, Southampton
and London;
Also,
Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and
Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship **LOMBARDY**, Captain **Hart**, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 6th May, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 24, 1877. my5

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ROUTING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer **CITY OF PEKING** will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 18th May, 1877, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passengers Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the **Midway S. S. Co.**, **St. Louis**, will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., 14th May. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Outstar Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For security's sake, Shippers of Overland Cargo are requested to endorse on the Envelope the Marks and Nos. of Packages Shipped, to correspond with those in their Bills of Lading.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 3, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 18, 1877. my15

INSURANCES.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRY,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Coals in Matched, on Goods on Board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to \$1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.

Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,

Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL \$2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of \$10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of

His Majesty King George The First,

A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of \$10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of \$15,000 on adjoining risks at current rates.

A Discount of 20% allowed.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,

Hongkong, January 8, 1875.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,

Hongkong, September 14, 1872.

Intimations.

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER,

by appointment, to

H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,

Governor of Hongkong;

and to

H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

Wyndham Street, formerly Athletic Club,

HAS on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views of China, Photographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of assorted sizes.

Also, a supply of very handsome Easel Albums of Russia and Velvet Covers, assorted sizes.

Illuminated Albums for Portraits, Tobacco Pouches, in Shape of Skulls, Rats, &c., and a nice choice of Gilt Mountings for Frames, &c.

Hongkong, March 28, 1877.

THE HONGKONG CHINESE MAIL.

THE Circulation of THIS PAPER has been very much extended. The following are some of its Agents:—

Macao.—Man Chuen Shop.

Canton.—Sing Chuen Native Post Office, Luon Hing Street; Chai Hing Low Hotel, Luon Hing Street; Kwong Tin Fat Shop, Yan Teal Street; Mr Sit Chuen Fan, Tung Wen Kwai; Yuen Fong Shop, in front of the Provincial Treasurer's Yamen; How Yuen Shop, Small Market Street, New City; Yee Cheung Photograph Shop, Honam; Kwai Hing Shop, Sin Cheong, Honam.

Singapore.—Sui Cheong Hong; Woh Shun Loong Hong;

Amoy.—Chun Cheong Hong, Mook Koi Street.

Foochow.—Mr Yi Ching Cheong, Foo Chow Arsenal; Mr Lum Kwok Ching, Maritime Customs.

Shanghai.—Mr Ng Ching Shun, Maritime Customs; Mr Ho Yue Chuen, Maritime Customs; Mr Chiu Sing Hoi, Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.; Mr Kwong Chuen Fook, Educational Mission School; and Mr Sing Sang Kee shop.

Ningpo.—Mr Sing Min Chee, Maritime Customs.

Hankow.—Yee Hing Hong.

Chingfoo.—Yee Shun Hong.

Japan.—Mr Leong Chun Tong, Municipal Office, Yokohama.

Saigon.—Wohang Hong.

Singapore.—Ting Kee Hong; Kwong Fook Sang Hong.

Penang.—Yow Wing Fong; Argus Office.

Calcutta.—Mow Sing Company.

San Francisco.—Kwong Fong Tai Hong.

The above are some of the Agencies; others will be published, when they are arranged for. Negotiations are in progress with the express couriers who carry the official despatches, and Peking Gazette, to circulate the Chinese Mail in the interior of China.

Hongkong, March 10, 1874.

KWONG HING CHEUNG & Co.,

COAL MERCHANTS,

Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices.

Mr Anyox has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 57, Praya, or to Mr Fat Jack, at 80, Hing Lung Street, will receive immediate attention.

Hongkong, March 18, 1877. me19

NEWS FOR HOME.

The Overland China Mail.

(The oldest Overland Paper in China.)

PUBLISHED AT THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE IN TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Containing from 72 to 84 columns of closely printed matter.

THIS Mail Summary is compiled from the Daily China Mail, is published twice a month on the morning of the English Mail's departure, and is a record of each fortnight's current history of events in China and Japan, contributed in original reports and collected from the journals published at the various ports in those Countries.

It contains Shipping news from Shanghai, Hongkong, Canton, &c., and a complete Commercial Summary.

Subscription, 60 cents per Copy (postage paid 50 cents). \$12 per annum (postage paid \$18.50).

Orders should be sent to GEO. MURRAY BAIN, China Mail Office, 2, Wyndham Street, not later than the evening before the departure of the English Mail Steamer.

Terms of Advertising, same as in Daily China Mail.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING IN THE Chinese Mail.

TWO cents a character for the first 100 characters, and one cent a character beyond the first 100, for first insertion, and half price for repetitions during the first week. Subsequent weeks' insertions will be charged only one half the amount of the first week's charges. Advertisements for half a year and longer will be allowed a deduction of 25 percent on the total amount, and contracts for more favourable terms can be made.

Efforts have been made to establish Agents for circulating the Chinese Mail in all the ports in Japan, in Saigon, Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, Batavia, Manila, the Philippines, Australia, San Francisco, Peru and other places which Chinese frequent. When the list of Agencies is completed, it will be published. Agents have been already established in most of the above places, and in important ports more than one agent has been appointed at each.

CHUN AXIN,

Manager.

Hongkong, February 29, 1876.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE Co.

THE BUSINESS of this COMPANY has This Day been Transferred to THE MARINE INSURANCE Co., of 20, Old Broad Street, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors,

WILLIAM HUNT,

Secretary.

137, Leadenhall Street, LONDON.

1st January, 1877.

THE MARINE INSURANCE Co.,

20, Old Broad Street, LONDON.

1st January, 1877.

ESTABLISHED 1838.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000 STERLING.

RESERVE FUND, £340,000.

WITH Reference to the foregoing Advertisement THE MARINE INSURANCE Co. has This Day taken over the Business of the LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT Co., and has Appointed Mr A. McIVER as its AGENT in HONGKONG.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

ROBERT J. LODGE,

Manager.

THE Undersigned is prepared to Accept Risks and issue Policies on behalf of the MARINE INSURANCE Co. by any First Class Steamer.

A. McIVER,

Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of London.

Hongkong, February 16, 1877. au17

Now Ready.

"THE CHINA REVIEW,"

No. 4, Vol. V.

Annual Subscription, Six Dollars and a Half.

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Chinese Dentistry.

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A Legend of the Peking Bell-Tower.

A Chinese Hornbook.

The Law of Inheritance.

A Chinese Dictionary in the Cantonese Dialect.

Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries:—

A Chinese Dictionary in the Cantonese Dialect.

"Watching Spirits."

Chinese Folk-lore.

Yin and Yang, according to Aristotle.

Plain English.

Goethe's "Werther" in China.

Chinese Music.

White Ants.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office,

Hongkong, March 20, 1877.

NOTICE.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

FROM and after the Chinese New Year's day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese Mail will be issued daily instead of twice a week as heretofore. No change, however, will be made in the price of subscription, which will remain at \$4 per annum.

The charges for advertisements are now assimilated to those of the China Mail. The unusual success which has attended the Chinese Mail makes it an admirable medium for advertisers.

The Conductors guarantee an eventual circulation of one thousand copies. It is already the most influential native journal published, and enjoys considerable prestige at the Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, San Francisco and Australia.

For terms, &c., address

MR CHUN AXIN,

Manager.

China Mail Office,

17th February, 1874.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

To Let.

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NO. 3, PRINCE STREET, ELGIN STREET, with Immediate Possession.

Apply to

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, February 7, 1877.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 10, Albany Road, at present occupied by the Rev. R. H. E. Bishop. Business Villa, Park-fook-lum, Furnished.

DAVID HASSON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, February 16, 1877.

TO LET.

THE Upper Portion of Nos. 42 and 44, Queen's Road.

The Dwelling House and Office No. 1, D'Aguilar Street, at present in the occupation of Messrs DOUBLES LAYRAK & Co., Possession from the 1st May next.

Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 17, 1876.

HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Saturday, April 21, 1877.

At 1110 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

FAIR. Highest. Lowest. Cash. Cash.

Butcher Meat.

Bacon, English, . . . lb. 450 400

" Ame. Sugar cured, . . . 300 28